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**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
11 November 1992**

I. ATTENDANCE

Zachary Burton, University Park SGC President
Raymond Zoller, North Miami-Broward SGC President
Sandy Thomas, University Park SGC Vice President
Hugh Moran, North Miami-Broward SGC Vice President
Marion Gervin, University Park SGC Controller
Robert Capuano, North Miami-Broward SGC Controller
Juan Carlos Freyre, University Park Representative
Bill Growney, Secretary
Larry Lunsford, Advisor
Paul Franzese, Advisor

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Zachary Burton. No minutes were available from the last University Council meeting.

III. NORTH MIAMI-BROWARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Raymond Zoller reported on the activities of the North Miami-Broward Student Government. North Miami has allocated funds to upgrade the Production Center. The goal of the Student Government is to create services for students with no long term financial commitment. An series of open houses are planned to recruit new personnel for Student Government. The process of planning the \$5.5 million expansion of the University Center has begun. He expressed the need to keep the lines of communication open between the campuses and to have more frequent meetings of the University Council. He also reported that the EF Language School has started its own Student Government, and that its officers would be welcome to attend North Miami-Broward SGC meetings.

IV. UNIVERSITY PARK PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Zachary Burton reported about the problems in motivating representatives to perform their constitutional duties. One major problem is that there is no way to obligate representatives to perform work. Some of the projects that the University Park SGC is pursuing include a United Way funding drive, a Student Government funded copy center inside Graham Center, and a major upgrade of the SGA Accounting office with the installation of the EXCEL program to replace LOTUS.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A discussion ensued concerning the criteria of funding travel for organizations. Zachary Burton reported that University Park has had a policy to grant different groups funding requests, as the monies are available. Raymond Zoller reported that North Miami has limited funds and must carefully decide the overall merits of each funding request. Also, each organization funded is now required to submit a report to the SGC on what transpired on their trip.

A discussion was held concerning communication between the campuses.

Raymond Zoller moved that the minutes from each SGC meeting be sent to the other campus within 48 hours.

-Juan Carlos Freyre seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

New Business moved on to ideas for downsizing the SGC's from their present size of 2 Officers and 18 Representatives. Members discussed various ideas on changing the Councils.

Raymond Zoller moved to reduce the SGC's by four, by reducing the number of At-Large positions to four, and the number of Lower Division positions to three.

-Hugh Moran seconded; Discussion on the motion continued.

-Motion withdrawn by Raymond Zoller.

Discussion turned to whether the SGC Representatives should receive emoluments.

Raymond Zoller moved that whether or not representatives receive emoluments, those appointed to any of the non-representative SGC positions allowed for funding by the constitution should receive 100% of 45 credit hours of undergraduate in-state tuition.

-Hugh Moran seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Sandy Thomas moved that the SGC's be reduced by six, by reducing the number of At-Large positions to three, and the number of Lower Division positions to two.

-Juan Carlos Freyre seconded; Motion passed.

Business returned to Emoluments.

Juan Carlos Freyre moved that Representative emoluments be changed to 50% of 45 credit hours of undergraduate in-state tuition.

-Zachary Burton seconded; Discussion on the motion continued.

-Juan Carlos Freyre moved the previous question; Motion failed.

Discussion then went on to the problems of scheduling meeting times for the SGC's.

Sandy Thomas moved that the University Council make a resolution supporting Priority Registration for SGC members, to facilitate participation and reduce conflicts.

-Zachary Burton seconded; Resolution passed.

-Raymond Zoller volunteered to speak to Vice President Gallagher; Marion Gervin volunteered to speak with Vice President Correnti.

The University Council returned again to the issue of SGC emoluments.

Zachary Burton moved that the formula for emoluments should be:

Total salary divided by the number of meetings, minus two approved absences, up to 100% of the total salary specified in the Constitution.

-Hugh Moran seconded; Motion passed.

Robert Capuano moved to place a referendum on the mid-term ballot adding the words "up to" to all the clauses of article thirteen in the constitution, thus allowing the University Council to specify the formula by which SGC members can receive less emoluments.

-Raymond Zoller seconded; Motion passed.

Juan Carlos Freyre moved that the University Council make it clear that emoluments policy, being a University Wide issue, is under the jurisdiction of the University Council.

-Sandy Thomas seconded; Motion passed.

New Business moved on to possibilities for Student Government to help with the problem of parking at FIU. Juan Carlos Freyre volunteered to investigate the possibility of CITF funds being used to build parking facilities.

Raymond Zoller provided the University Council members with copies of the referenda approved at the last North Miami-Broward SGC meeting. Raymond Zoller moved that the following referenda be placed on the mid-term election ballot:

-add to article VIII, section B:

"Quorum for the University Council shall be fifty (50) percent plus one, provided that least one member representing each campus is present."

-Robert Capuano seconded; Motion passed.

-add to article IV, a section G:

"Officers in their semester of graduation are exempt from the nine (9) credit hour requirement, but must maintain

at least three (3) credit hours.
-Hugh Moran seconded; Motion passed.

-add to article V, section A, a part 6:

"Representatives in their semester of graduation are exempt from the nine (9) undergraduate credit hour requirement, but must maintain at least three (3) credit hours.

-Robert Capuano seconded; Motion passed.

Business of the University Council moved on to a discussion of student fees. Juan Carlos Freyre reported that the A & S fees would remain the same for the 1993-1994 year, but the Health fee would be raised by \$3.00 and the Athletic fee would be raised by 50 cents. The Council decided to support the creation of a Student Union fee. Sandy Thomas volunteered to speak with Ruth Hamilton and Raymond Zoller volunteered to speak with Whit Hollis.

The Council decided to search for promising candidates to fill the position of Director of Student Lobbying. A list should be available at the next meeting. This position would report directly to the University Council.

The University Council agreed to adopt a policy that just because a group or organization has been allocated funds in the past, this does not by any means guarantee their funding every year. These organizations must make formal requests each and every year. "Precedence does not mean eternity."

The Council agreed to study the request for funds by the North Miami University Center Director over the next month and to formally address each request at the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next University Council meeting will be held on Friday, 11 December 1992, at 10:00 a.m.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
NORTH MIAMI COUNCIL

Date: November 11, 1992
Meeting called to order at: 6:15

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Eligibility problems, 1) Growney, 2) Jakovich, 3) Nasta 4) Bardawil
Typewriter allocation transfer

VICE PRESIDENT: ✓

ADVISOR'S REPORT: ✓

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Student service Committee
Financial Committee
Academic Affairs

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) ~~Suggestions for stipend eligibility~~ 25% base + 10% per meeting. Per Pay Period
 - 2) ~~Conclude with the new policy-~~
- meeting's = 4 council
4 committee*

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Recruitment program: Ad Hoc Committee to set dates, arrange for P.O.'s with Ray
- 2) Elections to be held: when
- 3) Downsizing the council: Proportional method...other
- 4) Referenda proposed:
 - a) Quorum for UC to be changed to simple majority which must include at least one member of each SGC.
 - b) Qualifications for officers and council members to be amended to provide for eligibility in the semester prior to graduation. Grad and Undergrad
 - c) Qualifications for officers shall be changed to three credits in the final semester before graduation
- 5) Finance Committee replacements: nominations for chair, members
- 6) Race relations conference; funding

7) Nominations for officers
vote

*Should do/START WITH FINANCE
REPLACEMENT FIRST, SO THERE IS A
PROMPT REPLACEMENT FOR ME IF
I'M VOTED IN AS PRESIDENT.*